

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

December 2011 – Week 3

Air Date: December 11 – December 17 (Sunday – Saturday)



TITLE: THE LAST OF RED HAIR

DECEMBER 1737 AND THE REIGN OF RED HAIR IS OVER.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

DECEMBER 11, 1737. IN THE NEW SPANISH SETTLEMENT OF SAN ANTONIO. FOR TWO YEARS, SETTLERS HAVE ENDURED VIOLENT RAIDS BY LOCAL LIPAN APACHES.

LED BY CHIEF CABELLOS COLORADOS, OR RED HAIR, APACHES HAVE STOLEN HUNDREDS OF SPANISH HORSES AND KILLED OR CAPTURED MORE THAN A DOZEN WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

TIPPED OFF BY AN APACHE PRISONER, SPANISH SOLDIERS CAPTURE CHIEF RED HAIR AND HIS MEN NEAR TOWN PREPARING FOR ANOTHER RAID. HE IS JAILED AND THE RAIDS STOP.

A YEAR LATER, CHIEF RED HAIR IS EXILED TO MEXICO CITY AND IS NEVER HEARD FROM AGAIN.

CHIEF RED HAIR WAS CAUGHT RED HANDED 274 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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"CABELLOS COLORADOS," *Handbook of Texas Online* (<http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/fca04>), accessed December 08, 2011. Published by the Texas State Historical Association.

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